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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT

MARCH 21-APRIL 19, 1976

REF: STATE 7513, QUITO 9247

1. POST HAS EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT PROJECT IN CRISTOBAL MARCELO AVILA OREJUELA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ECUADOREAN CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. CANDIDATE WILL REPLACE UNNAMED PROMINENT YOUNG ARTIST AS PER REFTEL QUITO 9247.
2. BECAUSE AVILA HAS PRIOR COMMITMENT IN QUITO, POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION THAT HE ARRIVE LATE FOR THE SEMINAR, SPECIFICALLY THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OF FIRST PROGRAM WEEK.
3. AVILA, BORN FEBRUARY 16, 1937, IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HE RECEIVED DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, QUITO; HAS DONE POST-GRADUATE WORK IN MONTERREY, MEXICO, AT THE SCHOOL ECONOMICS; AND POST-GRADUATE WORK ALSO AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON. HE HAS BEEN AN ECONOMIST WITH THE CENTRAL BANK OF ECUADOR, PRINCIPAL ECONOMIST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC STUDIES OF THE OAS IN WASHINGTON, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE

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SECRETARIAT OF THE OAS, AND ECONOMIC ADVISER FOR

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMING IN THE COMMISSION OF THE ANDEAN COMMON MARKET IN LIMA. HE HAS MANY ARTICLES AND HONORS TO HIS CREDIT, AND HAS ATTENDED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES IN THE U.S., LATIN AMERICA AND EUROPE. HIS COMMAND OF ENGLISH IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPATION.

4. VISA CHECK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

5. BOTH THE GOE AND THE USG ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN STEPPING UP U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ECUADOR. THE USG'S OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION (OPIC), RECENTLY CHANGED ITS POLICY UNDER WHICH IT SUSPENDED, IN 1971, ALL OF ITS VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO U.S. PRIVATE INVESTORS FOR PROJECTS IN ECUADOR. OPIC IS AGAIN OFFERING VIRTUALLY ALL SUCH FORMS OF ASSISTANCE, MOREOVER, IT IS ARRANGING SEMINARS TO BE HELD IN ECUADOR IN EARLY MARCH 1976 TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN INCREASING U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ECUADOR. CENDES IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THESE SEMINARS, AND AVILA WILL BE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN BOTH THE SEMINARS AND THE FOLLOW-UP INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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